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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, CGEN, BQG
SUBJECT: BRIEFING ON STATUS OF US/GDR CONSULAR
CONVENTION NEGOTIATIONS

REFS: (A) PARIS 11266 (NOTAL)
(B) STATE 64384 (NOTAL)
(C) BONN 5178
(D) STATE 28539
(E) BERLIN 2246 (NOTAL)

1. THE EMBASSY SUPPORTS EMBASSY PARIS' RECOMMENDATION
FOR AN UP-TO-DATE BRIEFING OF THE QUAI ON THE STATUS
OF THE US/GDR CONSULAR CONVENTION NEGOTIATIONS WITH
RESPECT TO THE NATIONALITY CLAUSE (REF A). WE
CONSIDER IT PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO KEEP THE FRENCH
FULLY INFORMED BOTH BECAUSE THEY SHARE ALLIED RESPONSIBILITY
FOR GERMANY AS A WHOLE AND BECAUSE, AS NOTED IN
REF B, THE GDR APPEARS TO BE CONDUCTING THE NEGOTIATIONS
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WITH THE US WITH A PARTICULARLY KEEN EYE ON THE FRENCH.

2. IN ORDER TO KEEP THE UK AND MOST ESPECIALLY THE FRG
EQUALLY WELL INFORMED, WE REQUEST AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE
IN THE BONN GROUP THE SAME BRIEFING WHICH IS GIVEN TO
THE FRENCH. THE INTENSE INTEREST OF THE FRG IN THIS
MATTER IS EVIDENCED BY BRAEUTIGAM'S COMMENTS TO CHESTER

OF EUR/CE (REF C) AS WELL AS THE FACT THAT GENSCHER IS PERSONALLY QUITE INTERESTED. IN PREPARING GENSCHER FOR HIS VISIT TO THE US, THIS WAS THE ONLY SUBJECT OF BONN GROUP INTEREST THAT THE FRG BONN GROUP REP (VON BRAUNMUEHL) ASKED US ABOUT. WE TOLD HIM THERE WAS NOTHING NEW SINCE HE HAD LAST ASKED, WHEN WE CONFINED OUR RESPONSE TO THAT PROVIDED IN REF D.

3. WHILE THIS WAS CORRECT, INsofar AS ANY REAL MOVEMENT ON THE SUBJECT IS CONCERNED, IT APPEARS TO US IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO MENTION PLAGEMANN'S COMMENTS (PARA 2 OF REF B) AND BEIL'S COMMENT THAT THE QUESTION WAS EXPECTED TO ARISE IN A "HIGH-LEVEL" GDR INTERNAL DISCUSSION (REF E) TO SHOW THAT THE GDR HAS NOT DECIDED TO LET THE ISSUE DRIFT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORITY TO BRIEF BONN GROUP, PARALLEL TO RECOMMENDED BRIEFING OF THE QUAL. STOESEL

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